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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 13, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicant now timely submits herewith a duly executed original Combined Declaration.

An Assignment from all the inventors in favor of "GROUPE 2MB INC.", is also submitted, along with our cheque No. 009570 in the amount of \$40.00 for the recordal fees.

Applicant claims Small Entity Status.

Our cheque No. 009582 in the amount of \$498.00 is also enclosed to cover the basic filing, additional claim and surcharge fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to account No. 19-5113.

Furthermore, a new set of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 is also enclosed.

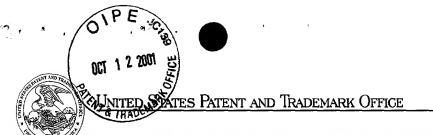
Respectfully,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$63.
 - \$63 for 7 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 483.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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